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S.W. SHOWCASE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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SW ASSEMBLY FEATURES EMPLOYMENT

The October 24th meeting of the SW Assembly provided information to SW residents about employment and training opportunities. Speakers were present from Department of Employment Services, the General Service Agency of the federal government which will be employing workers for the new federal center being build in SE, and Portal Center. A contractor who hires and supervises cleaning and maintenance workers in many buildings was also present. There was an opportunity for discussion from the floor.

Planning for this meeting was assisted by Ruben Biddy of the Mayor's Empowerment Center, SW Community House, Options, SW Youth Activities Task Force and SE Friendship House.

GUN LIABILITY VOTE NOVEMBER 5

Will the news of the massacre in Killeen, TX, get out the vote in the District, November 5?

There's a connection. The gun used in Texas was an assault weapon. The vote, November 5, will determine whether the District holds those who make and sell them liable for injuries or deaths caused by the weapons.

Many in Southwest were among the 27,000 who signed petitions for a referendum on the law. Jack Evans, Ward 2, is one of five City Council members who back the liability law.

Ministers in Southwest, among those who organized the referendum campaign, will remind their congregations to vote for the law.

Legislators in Illinois, Minnesota, New York and Oregon have introduced similar gun-liability bills.

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you become what they are.
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will master you.
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5. Stand for something or you'll
fall for anything.
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make a good mate.
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not what they can do for you.
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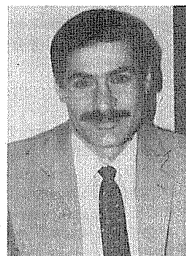
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7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 and
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Charlotte Brooks and husband Walter Brooks chat with friend

Area Residents Respond to CDC Call for Nominations

Nearly two dozen area residents have already responded to the Wiley Branton CDC's call for board nominations according to Ethel James Williams, chair of the nominations committee.

Williams says that the committee is expecting more names before the November 7 deadline. Anyone who is 18 or older and lives in the ANC 2D area (near Southwest and Southeast) is eligible to run for the CDC Board of Directors.

In order to get a name on the ballot, however, you must contact Williams (484-3515), or committee members Clara Brewer or Alvin Hudgens, by November 7. Because of changes in the CDC's boundary area, the Nominations Committee is particularly interested in encouraging nominations from near Southeast.

The candidates will be competing for 9 seats on the WBCDC board of directors, at the election to be held on Thursday evening, November 14, at St. Matthew's (3rd & M).

The list of candidates so far includes: Lorraine Adams, Clara Brewer, David Brewer, Ron Britt, Walter Brooks, John Brown, Lucy Brown, Isabelle Gelletich, Alvin Hudgens, Peggy Jackson, Chuck Liner, Donald McDonald, Janice McGonough, Bobbie McMahon, Marion Mitchell, Nathaniel Pollster, Beryl Rice, Rae Williams, Layton Williams, Claude Willis, Dana Winner, and Tracie Woodson.

WBCDC Votes to Re-Include Southeast

The Wiley Branton interim board has reversed directions again, and will include the near Southeast in the corporation's boundary area.

In its initial plans, the organizing committee followed the boundaries of ANC 2D which include all of Southwest north of the Anacostia River and a small portion of Southeast between the river and the freeway, from South Capitol Street to 11th Street SE.

However, in the wake of the decision by the D.C. Council to move the near Southeast area into Ward 6 and out of Ward 2, the CDC organizers decided to stop at the new ward boundaries. That decision was questioned at the Assembly's meeting in September which was devoted to a discussion of the CDC.

When the CDC's bylaws came up for a final vote in early October, the organizing group reconsidered the boundary question. While some members preferred to keep the boundaries the same as ANC 2D's, the majority opted to include the near Southeast.

The people in favor of including Southeast emphasized two points. First, it would be unfair to drop Southeast residents from their current participation in CDC programs just because the ANC boundaries changed. Second, there will be development in near Southeast that will affect Southwest. For instance, plans for the Anacostia waterfront involve activity both sides of South Capitol Street.

WBCDC Meeting Set for Nov. 14

The first annual membership meeting for the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation is set for Thursday evening, November 14, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at 3rd and M Streets SW. Registration will open at 6:30 pm and the meeting will get under way at 7:30. The main order of business will be the election of 9 members of the permanent Board of Directors.

The WBCDC's affairs have been managed by the Organizing Group and interim board of directors since the CDC was incorporated in October 1990. Following a year of work, including two Town Hall meetings, the organizers adopted a final set of bylaws for the new corporation last month.

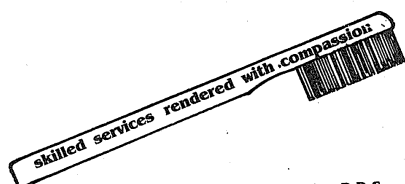
The final structure calls for a 17-member board of directors. Nine members will be elected from the membership-at-large. Eight members will be appointed by the following area organizations: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D, Capitol South Community Improvement Association, Friendship House, Neighborhood Planning Council #17, Southwest Community House, Southwest Ministerial Association, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, and the Southwest Public Housing Coalition.

Anyone 18 years and older who lives in the near Southwest/Southeast (ANC 2D) area is eligible to join the CDC. Would-be members should attend the annual meeting on November 14, or call the ANC 2D office at 554-1795.

Like other cdc's formed across the city, the WBCDC is concerned with "promoting opportunities for area residents to participate in the planning, financing, construction, operation, and management of economic developments" in its "boundary area," the near Southwest/Southeast.

The interim WBCDC Board of Directors consists of W. Lloyd Reeves (Chairperson), Barbara Hurlbutt (Secretary), Gottlieb Simon (Treasurer), Ron Britt (Assistant Treasurer), and L. Laverne Reeves. Together with Lorraine Adams, David Brewer, Kenneth Brewer, Charlotte Brooks, Walter Brooks, Margaret Feldman, Fr. Norman Haddad, C. W. Hargrave, Bonnie Johnson, Phyllis Martin, Lonnie Murray, Beryl Rice and Vivian Williams they make up the WBCDC Organizing Group.

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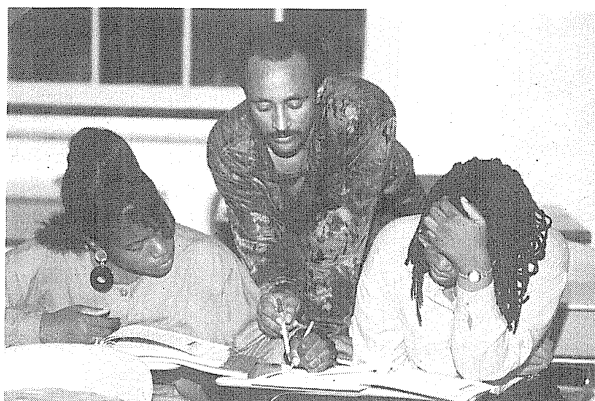
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by Donna Alston

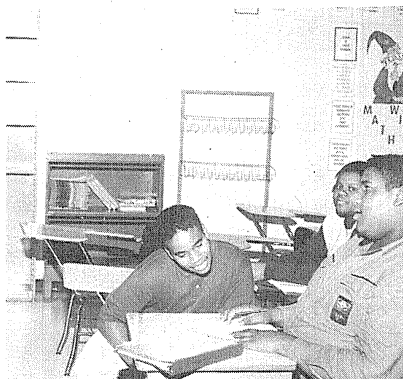
Dr. Eugene Williams is the Director of Test Improvement, DC Public Schools. This program arose because District students were not scoring high enough on the PSAT to qualify as National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. This past summer, Williams had a pilot enrichment program with forty 11th graders.

For six weeks during the fall, students have attended classes at Jefferson Junior High School on Wednesday evenings after school and Saturday mornings at the University of the District of Columbia. This past summer, courses were taken at Dunbar Senior High School. Classes were every morning for six weeks. Both the present and the summer programs emphasize verbal skills. Traditionally, this is a weak area for the students.

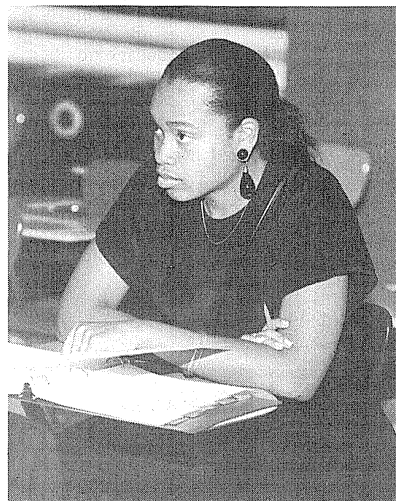
Students attend classes on critical thinking skills, math, vocabulary and reading comprehension. Since scores on standardized test are not the only signs of success, students develop enthusiasm for learning. They work with equally motivated teachers and peers.

The Potential National Merit Scholarship (PNMS) program now enables 9th graders with high math and verbal standardized test scores to take the PSAT two years earlier so that the students will be well prepared. Next year coordinators will select students from the 4th grade on up to receive enrichment in vocabulary and critical thinking skills during school.

Dr. Williams says that "The program is having an effect throughout the District. This program is helping gifted DCPS students with their academic skills while improving their chances of winning a National Merit Scholarship. This preparatory course is undoubtedly preparing these students for a successful academic career.



PNMS students have discussion



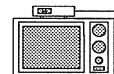
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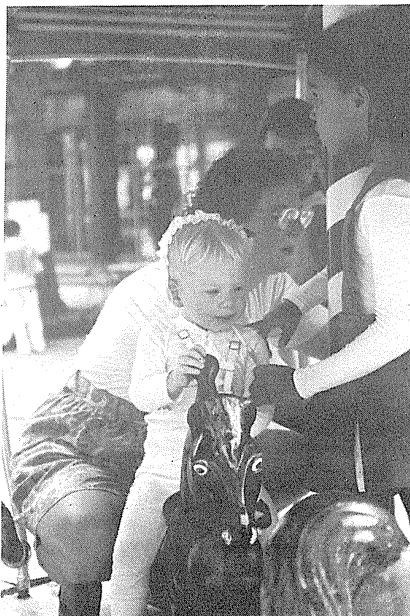
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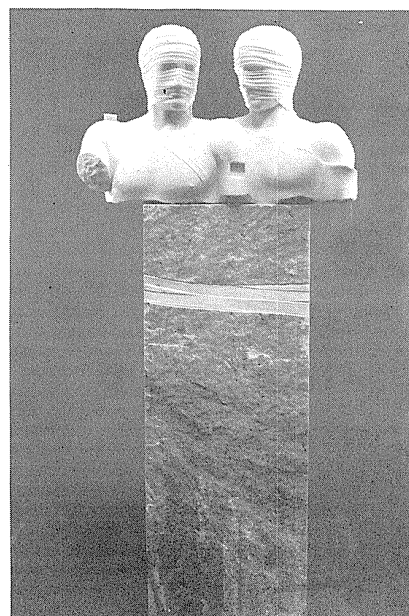
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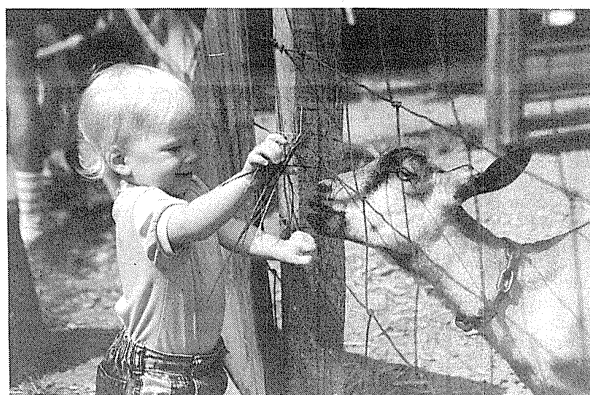
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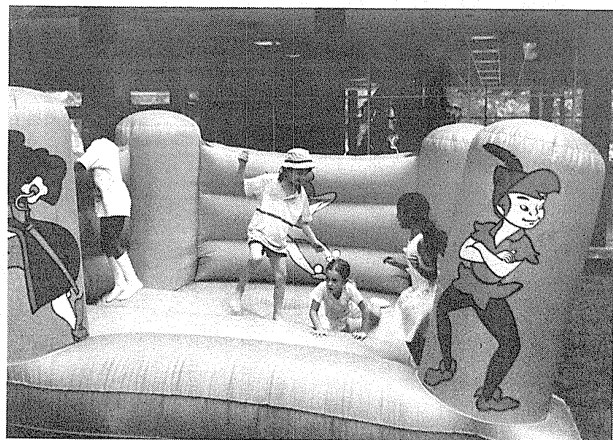
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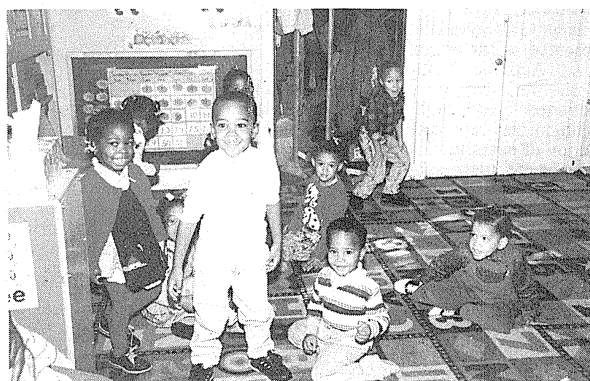
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The highlights of Charter week included an evening of fun, friendship and frolic at Phillips Flagship Restaurant and an afternoon of still more fun at the annual Picnic/Bullroast. The Gala helped to raise money for a scholarship fund. The university wanted to establish a fund for students who demonstrate intellectual and professional talent, but lack the financial means to attend SEU without tuition assistance.

The Gala consisted of cocktails, music and a buffet dinner compliments of the restaurant. Dignitaries included guest of the University, White House and Department of Justice officials, DC School Board President R. David Hall and many more who presented words of congratulations.

Activities included the raffling off of a trip for two to the Cancun Islands, auctioned items such as Redskin tickets, fishing trips, rare collectibles and a silent auction of beautiful silk garments. After the Champagne toast and presentation of the cake, there was dancing to the sound of the Mel-O-Tones and opportunities for portraits to be photographed courtesy of the Earl Howard Studios.

The Chairman of the Board, Frank Mann proudly boasted, "From the inception of the University, the focus of this institution has been to provide educational opportunities for the non-traditional student. We have been a trailblazer in higher education by designing and implementing programs that meet the needs of students in a multicultural setting. I am proud to report that we have been extremely successful."

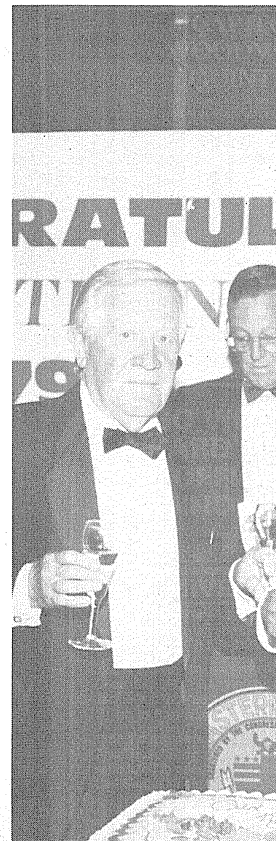
Dr. W. Robert Higgins, President of



First Ladies of Southeastern



Mr. & Mrs. David Hall enjoy meal



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Southeastern University described the series of events as "Old Friends, New Beginnings. Friends of Southeastern offer a new beginning for deserving students from around the world to develop their knowledge and skills which will lead to the betterment of themselves and society." Mr. Paul R. Wall, Vice President of Phillips Seafood Restaurant was the honorary chairperson of the gala. Lt. Gen. Stephen G. Olmstead, US Marine Corps (Ret.) presided as the auctioneer.

The Southwester adds the best wishes from the Southwest Community for expanding the academic horizon of our neighborhood. Today's New Beginning is here for us all to benefit and support.



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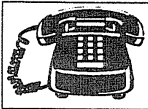
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by

Michael J. Teitler, D.D.S. and Mary E. Callanan, D.D.S. (Presenting a series of monthly columns on dental topics of general interest.)

"I HATE going to the dentist!" "I had a bad experience as a child at the dentist." "I am very nervous--probably the worst case of dental fear you've ever seen!" We hear these things frequently from new patients coming to our office for the first time. Would you be surprised to hear that most of these people become quite comfortable with modern dental treatment within one or two visits. There is no single reason for this, rather it seems that a number of factors used together can calm the nervous patient.

When we meet a new patient, time should be taken to get to know that patient on a level separate from dentistry. One of the most rewarding facets of being a dentist is meeting and getting to know new people. Spending time at the first appointment, and at most subsequent appointments, so that we can learn about the person attached to the teeth (and the person learns about the dentist) is time well spent.

Once the conversation turns to dental matters, plenty of time should be spent explaining the situation and any recommended procedures. While different people require different degrees of detail in their explanation, everyone feels better when at least some of the "mystery" of what's happening in their mouth is removed. In our office, the explanations continue throughout treatment, should the patient desire.

Of course, keeping the patient comfortable throughout the visit is of utmost importance. Modern analgesics and anesthetics are a wonder. Their proper use can render most procedures virtually "painless". The application of a numbing gel to the gum before any invasive procedure is performed, can go a long way towards producing the pleasant surprise of a comfortable procedure.

The "touch" of the dentist is very important as well. A gentle touch is a gift, and when used routinely can make even a potentially uncomfortable process quite tolerable. A dentist who possesses a gentle touch and can communicate a caring attitude is a winner. Taking the time to show concern by inquiring about the patient's feelings can ease the fears of even the most nervous patient.

If you are afraid of the dentist, tell him or her! The dentist can't address your concerns if they're hidden. Above all, give us a chance. With today's techniques and a caring attitude, "painless" dentistry is getting closer to reality.

-----Dr. Teitler and Callanan practice general dentistry at 833 6th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20024. Their telephone number is 202-554-5050 and they are always available for your questions or comments.

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Pastor Harold Goers

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH PASTOR RETIRES

Rev. Harold S. Goers, Pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3rd and M. Streets, S.W., retired on September 15, 1991. He faithfully and lovingly served this congregation for almost 25 years. He was also well-known in the Southwest community.

The congregation honored Pastor Goers with a reception on September 15, and at that time made him Pastor Emeritus. He and his wife, Rachel, will be residing at their home in Springfield, VA.

ST. MATTHEW'S RUMMAGE SALE

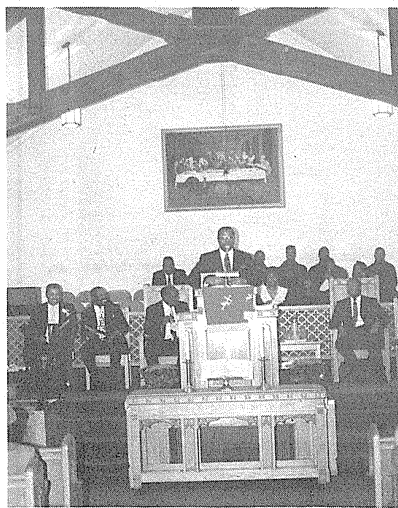
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, located at 3rd and M Streets, S.W., will have its semi-annual rummage sale on Saturday, November 2, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. A variety of items will be available for sale, including adult and children's clothing, household items, kitchenware, live flowers and plants, and baked goods.

If you would like to contribute any of the above items, contact Lula Green, phone 301-630-9296. Sincere thanks to the many people in the Southwest community who have contributed to previous rummage sales.

Soup, chili, hot dogs, doughnuts, coffee and sodas will be served.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S STEWARDSHIP VISITATION

The Eucharist on November 17, 1991 (Stewardship - Visitation Sunday) will be held only at 6:00 p.m. There will be no morning services. All members will be visited that day (November 17) and will come at 6:00 p.m. for service and for 7:00 p.m. pot luck supper. If you have any questions, please call 554-3222.



Second Baptist Church
pastor Rev. Joseph Franklin

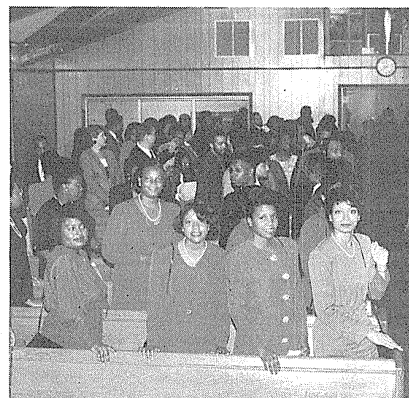
FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST 116th ANNIVERSARY

Acknowledging the Lord God Almighty was the theme of the 116th Anniversary of the Friendship Baptist Church and the 10th of the Pastor, Reverend William H. Montgomery. During the two week celebration, we heard from area evangelists giving various accounts of acknowledging the Lord, insuring a total understanding and interpretation of the word. On Friday, September 27, 1991, at 7:30 p.m., we held our Annual Youth Night Services. We received a powerful message from Rev. Dewayne G. Parker, Pastor Elect of the Evangel Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Parker gave the success equation, COMPLETELY TRUSTING IN HIM + COMPLETELY LEANING ON HIM = DIRECTION FROM HIM.

Six members were honored in an Appreciation Service during this Anniversary Celebration. The honorees were Mrs. Anna M. Dent, Mrs. Marie Dunlap, Mrs. Hattie Floyd, Deacon Howard Herman, Deaconess Daisy Thompson and Mr. William Winstead.

The Anniversary Reception was held on Sunday, September 29, 1991 immediately following the morning worship service. During the reception, several awards were given and the Personality of the Month was announced. The Personality of the Month was awarded to none other than Mrs. Marian Moon. Mrs. Moon was born in Ohio, and recently attended her 50th high school class reunion in Toledo. She came to Washington, D.C. in May 1942 to take a position with the U. S. Government. She retired from the U. S. Army Material Command in 1980, after serving 38 years. She has been an active member of the Union Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church for over 25 years.

Mrs. Moon is married to Mr. Alfonso Moon, who is a Trustee at the Friendship Baptist Church. The Moons have a son, Gerald, and three grandchildren who reside in Jacksonville, Florida. Mrs. Moon also has



United Fellowship Choir

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH UNITED FELLOWSHIP CHOIR 17TH ANNIVERSARY

The United Fellowship Choir of Second Baptist Church celebrated their 17th Anniversary October 13th. This very special young adult choir sang praise with all their hearts before a capacity crowd of friends, family and worshippers.

The theme for the program was "Victory Through Faith". Rev. Joseph Franklin, Pastor at Second Baptist, and June Minor, led the spirited activities with Rev. Timothy Burno presiding. Songs of joy audibled the air from the brilliantly dressed members of the choir.

Greetings and gratitude were given by Victoria Ferebee and Lavonne Fisk, respectively. Presentations were awarded by Diane Delaney and Jeannette Washington. Prescilla Mack introduced the special guest choir of the evening, a performance by the Rehoboth Young Adult Choir of Rehoboth Baptist Church.

Second Baptist Church, located at 1200 Canal Street, S.W., extends to all who shared this worship experience a very special thanks. The United Fellowship Choir expressed their love and knowledge to all that Victory does come through Faith.

a sister and a brother who reside in the Washington, D.C. area. Her favorite hobbies are attending the Washington Wellness Senior Center, and the SASSY Group at the YMCA.

Mrs. Moon offers her sincere congratulations to the Friendship Baptist Church family and to the Pastor during this Anniversary Celebration.

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Scenes from *Yerma* playing at the Arena Stage

ARENA STAGE BEGINS 1991-92 SIGNATURE SERIES ON OCTOBER 27

Arena Stage will present its first of four Signature Series programs this season, "VEILED IMAGES: Hispanic American Women in the Looking Glass," on Sunday, October 27, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Kreeger Theater. All Signature Series programs are free and open to the public. No reservations are necessary.

The Signature Series is designed to bridge themes of ongoing Arena Stage productions with the interests and concerns of the multicultural Washington metropolitan community. This Signature Series presentation is held in conjunction with Federico Garcia Lorca's *Yerma*, which is directed by Arena Stage Artistic Associate Tazewell Thompson and features many Hispanic actors and musicians.

A panel of Hispanic scholars, business leaders and artists will examine core issues facing Hispanic women today. With increasing societal freedoms, Hispanic American women are re-defining their roles and grappling with long-hidden issues such as abuse, alcoholism and illiteracy. The panel will discuss the progress made and the problems encountered because of the diversity of the Hispanic community and, with the audience, will seek to identify the values and aspirations of Hispanic American women.

Panelists include Audrey Figueroa, National Business Development Manager, Learning Group International; Maria Hernandez, Vice President of Communications, Mexican-American Women's National Association; Irene Zimmermann de la Torres, Anthropologist, The Smithsonian Institution; Richard Miller, flamenco guitarist; Bertila Damas, actress; Tazewell Thompson, director of *Yerma*. The program will be hosted by Arena Stage Community Outreach Associate Annette K. Miller and Community Outreach member Stella Gomes.

Arena Stage Hosts Second Annual Open House Sunday October 27

Arena Stage is hosting its second annual open house on Sunday, October 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., to offer the community a chance to celebrate and experience theater from behind the scenes. The attendance of over 5,000 theater enthusiasts and families made last year's first open house a great success. The all-day event is free and open to the public.

The open house is being held in partnership with WGMS radio. On October 11, WGMS will sponsor a day-long salute to Arena Stage, featuring stories from actors, directors, and Arena's artistic leaders.

Welcoming all ages, the festive open house is designed to spark imaginations, satisfy curiosities, and provide a rare "insider's" view of the many facets of putting on a production. Arena's resident craftspeople will give demonstrations and answer questions about costuming, lighting, sound, props, and special effects and staff members will conduct backstage tours of the three-theater complex. Informal talks will be given by Artistic Director Doug Wager; special guest Bob Davis, theater critic of WGMS; and members of the acting companies of both Arena Stage and Living Stage, Arena's social outreach theater.

The open house will feature other entertaining activities for the whole family, such as facepainting, mime by ImagiMIME, storytelling, raffle drawings, sidewalk art and opportunities to purchase Arena Stage and Living Stage gift items including mugs, t-shirts, tote bags, and posters.

For more information call Jackie Christian at (202) 554-9066.

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THE CAPITOL WOODWIND QUINTET ANNOUNCES 1991/92 SEASON

The lush sounds of an all-French program opens The Capitol Woodwind Quiter's seventh season in a program titled "First Impressions" on Sunday, November 3, 1991, at 5:00 pm at Temple Micah/St. Augustine's Church located at 6th and M Streets.

The quintet will perform Ravel's captivating "Pavane Pour une Infante Defunte", Koechlin's model "Trio" for flute, clarinet, and bassoon, Faure's charming "Dolly Suite" and Taffanal's romantic "Quintet".

The quintet's season continues with "Holiday Sweets" featuring narration by Dan DeVany, WETA's morning host, on December 8, 1991; "Warming Winds" on March 1, 1992, with guest pianist Mary Kathleen Ernst; and "Spring Fourth" on April 26, 1992. All programs are at 5:00 pm at Temple Micah/St. Augustine's Church.

Members of the quintet include Alice Weinreb, flute; Kathleen Golding, oboe; Lora Ferguson, clarinet; Truman Harris, bassoon; and Laurel Bennert Ohlson, horn.

The audience is invited to meet the artists at the post-concert reception following each performance.

Call JoAnn Azzarello at 703-360-9243 for information.

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Riverpark Children's parade

FIRST EVER CHILDREN'S PARADE

Children from River Park, Channel Square and Carrollsbury marched in the First ever Children's Parade on Sept. 31. Bill Jenkins of Takoma Park provided musical instruments from around the world. He showed the children how to use the drums, bells, and cymbals and how to keep time. The paraders, many wearing funny costumes, delighted the parents, grand-parents and onlookers who came out to cheer them on as they marched back and forth in front of the River Park High Rise. After the parade the children enjoyed riding a small merry go round and jumping in a miniature moon-ounce. The River Park Activities Committee provided watermelon and lemonade for the crowd.

The event was enjoyed by all and plans are already underway to hold a Second ever Children's Parade next summer.

This event was sponsored by the Tenant Associations of the three complexes.

The Portals Developers Seek Minority Contractors

More than 130 individuals representing minority firms throughout the Washington metropolitan area attended a Minority Contractors Orientation Program in September at the Channel Inn Hotel. Sponsored by Republic Properties Inc., Confederation Properties (U.S.) Inc., and Lake Construction Co., Inc., the meeting was held to present proposed construction plans for Phase II of the Portals, a mixed-use estate development now underway in Northwest Washington, to interest minority contractors and suppliers.

The meeting brought out a broad array of local enterprises interested in subcontracting and supply contracts for this

UPCOMING - OCT/NOV EVENTS

Sunday, October 27 - Arena Stage Open House, 10:00 - 5:00, free

Sunday, October 27 - Arena Stage, Hispanic Women in the Looking Glass, 2:00 - 4:00, free

Saturday, November 2 - St. Matthew's Rummage Sale, 10:00 - 5:00

Tuesday, November 5 - 1st District Police Meeting, 4th Street Police Precinct, 7:30

Wednesday, November 6 - Amidon Elementary School, school pictures

Thursday, November 7 - Amidon ES, PTA Executive Committee Meeting, 6:15

Thursday, November 14 - Amidon ES, PTA Meeting, full membership (report cards issued) Allan Bean, 488-8920

Thursday, November 14 - Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation Meeting, St. Matthew's Church, 7:30

To list an event or meeting, call Carole Early, 488-3355

construction project. Among those represented at the meeting were construction, trucking, security, maintenance, insurance, telecommunications and industrial design companies, to name a few. Participants in the orientation received details of the project, in addition to information on bidding procedures and contracting requirements.

Phase II is a ten-story office building with three parking levels located at Twelfth Street and Maine Avenue, SW. When completed, all four phases of The Portals will constitute one of the largest private sector developments in the history of the city. The developers estimate that approximately 9,500 new permanent jobs will be created as a result of the entire Portals project; more than 60 percent are expected to be filled by minorities, and a minimum of 51 percent are expected to be filled by DC residents.

An agreement with the DC Redevelopment Land Agency set a goal of 35% minority contracts in this venture. To this end, Portals Development Associates' minority general partner, Eastcoast Development Corporation, has instituted an affirmative action plan with goals to exceed the required percentage. Further, The

Portals Office of Business and Community Assistance, Inc. has been established to implement this plan and ensure that minority businesses, investors and employees share in the benefits that will result from the project.

While the Minority Contractors Orientation Program was deemed successful in its effort to identify and inform minority business enterprises. The Portals' developers will continue to seek participation through classified advertisements and direct appeal letters to resource organizations that serve minority businesses. All interested minority enterprises are invited to contact the Office of Business and Community Assistance (202/863-4040) to schedule a visit to view construction plans, related bid documents and the proposed job site.



Jerry Blasenstein

MEET THE STAFF

SOUTHWESTER staff writer Jerry Blasenstein, age 40 is a native of Yonkers, N.Y. Jerry attended the University of Maryland in College Park. He received his B.S. degree in Information Systems Management.

Since 1973 Jerry has worked at the U.S. Department of State. His responsibilities include working with the State Department Payroll. As a computer systems analyst, he helped program and now helps manage the payroll for 25,000 people receiving salaries every two weeks. The Department has regional hubs in Paris, Bangkok and Mexico City.

When not at work he enjoys a number of activities, centering around nutrition and physical fitness. His main avocation is tap dancing which he has studied for a few years now. Jerry has had instruction from a number of excellent teachers. He plans to start another class this fall.

"I have been able to perform in recitals and I also performed at D.C. Space. Last February was the ultimate - I got to meet and dance with Gregory Hines, who taught a class I was in" Jerry explains.

Jerry enjoys two weekly aerobics classes and a Modern Dance Class. He taught an exercise class for ten years for the U.D.C. Cooperative Extension Program.

With all these talents and energy, Jerry finds time to listen to jazz, his second love. Last year he took a fantastic Jazz Cruise to the Virgin Islands and is planning to go on another trip next fall. He has played the piano for 30 years.

Jerry concludes, "I like writing and enjoy expressing myself in many different ways. I started writing articles for the SOUTHWESTER this year. Doing this allows me to learn more about my community and meet many interesting people."

SOUTHWESTER SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE

EIGHTEEN SW STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's Scholarship Committee held its fourth Annual Awards Program in August at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I Street, SW. The theme for the program (chosen by the scholarship recipients) was "Do What You Do Best".

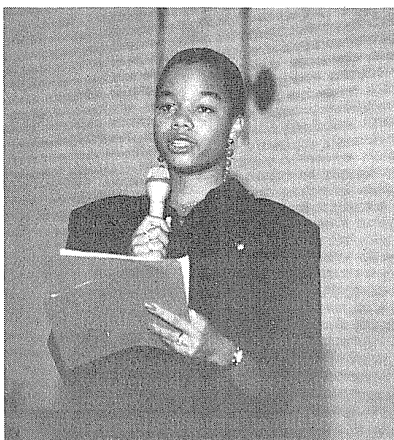
The program opened with a prayer by Rev. Theresa Prigmore followed by a solo "Wind Beneath My Wings" which was sung by Don Poe. Thirteen of the eighteen recipients waited anxiously before the signal was given by Gregory Bargeman to start the procession.

The students assembled in front of the audience, and was introduced by the Master of Ceremonies, former scholarship recipient (1989-90), Sergio Rozzelle. Sergio is currently attending law school at Clark College in Atlanta, GA. Vice President, David Brewer, also a former recipient, brought greetings and congratulatory remarks on behalf of the SWNA.

Some of the highlights of the program included a vocal duet, "I Surrender All" by Angela Abbott and Marianne Minus; poetry reading by Nikkia Johns and Alex Middleton, a Baritone with the Washington Male Corale performed two solos this year. Another highlight of the program was the students' Annual Skit "Teachers are the Inspiration", written by Geoff Weiss.

The skit reflects the theme of the program "Do What You Do Best" encourages young people to make good decisions about their lives, and to trust their own inner knowledge. The skit was narrated by Nikkia Johns. A piano solo was rendered by Anita Sands-Ninez, former scholarship recipient (1990).

Then, the Chair, Francine Vinson, gave special thanks to Earl Howard Studios and to Safeway Stores. Next, she read an inspiring letter from Mr. & Mrs. James Dowdy, regarding their commitment to community involvement. The Dowdys donated \$500.00 to the Scholarship Fund.



Nikkia Johns recites poetry



L-R Sergio Rozzelle and Francine Vinson

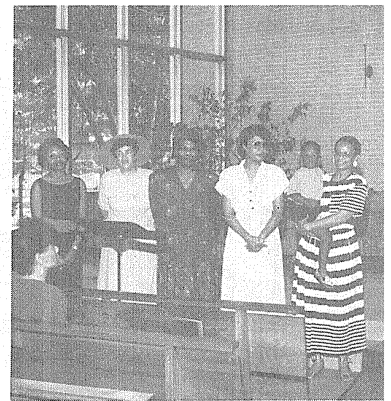
Rev. Jeanne McKenzie, Pastor of Westminster congratulated the students and thanked the committee for its work in the community.

Approximately \$6,500 was raised, including a special donation of \$3,000 made by residents from Harbour Square. The \$3,000 donation was presented to Ms. Vinson on September 15th during the Harbour Square 25th Anniversary Gala. The Scholarship Committee is especially grateful to the residents of Harbour Square for the extra efforts and in particular to Isabella Gellitich who orchestrated the fundraising event. Mrs. Gillitich has been a staunch supporter of this committee's efforts for many years. The committee received 38 applications this year. By a process of elimination, eighteen students were selected to receive funds from the program.

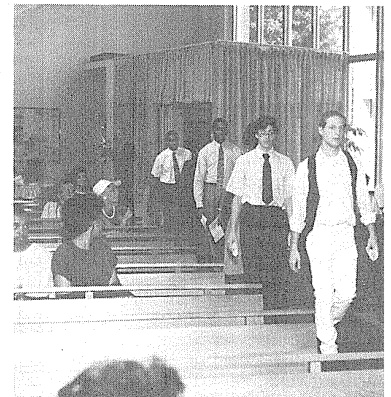
As a result of the additional money, eighteen students received \$320 each to help support their college expenses. The 1991 scholarship recipients are: Angela Abbott, Michael Bethea, N'Dieye Gray, Darryl Holt, Nikkia Johns, Arnice Mack, Marianne Minus, Tony Murray, Marcia Norris, Tekia Parson, Malonda Richard, Gregory Triplett, Fulton Vinson, Simbi Waters, Geoff Weiss, Paul Weiss and Andy Zalan. Scholarship awards are made on the basis of academic achievement, financial need and community involvement. The size of the awards has been affected by the number of persons competing.

Since the Scholarship program began in 1974, a total of 126 awards have been made for a cumulative sum of \$57,000 to 111 deserving Southwest residents.

Special thanks to all who contributed to the Scholarship program. Again the committee wishes to congratulate the 1991 recipients and best wishes in pursuing their educational goals.



S.W. Scholarship Fund Committee



S.W. Scholarship recipients make their entrance



L-R Angela Abbott and Mariane Min